GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Compressed Natural Gas is a pollution free fuel;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make it compulsory to use CNG in all Government vehicles from April 1, 2001 to encourage use of this gas in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) leads to lesser pollution than other fuels.

(b) & (c) No Sir. However, in view of the fact that CNG is a non-polluting fuel, CentralGovt. have authorized the use of CNG in motor vehicles by amending in August, 2000 the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

(d) Hon`ble Supreme Court has directed Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) to convert all their bus fleets to single fuel mode of CNG by 31.3.2001. As such, its availability, in the first instance, is being ensured in the city of Delhi. In addition, its supply is also being made in Mumbai and Gujarat.